



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3401 **California Five Mile Regional Learning Center Transfer Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on October 3, 2002*

H.R. 3401 would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey about 27 acres of national forest land in California to the Clovis Unified School District for a nominal sum. CBO estimates that enacting this legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget. H.R. 3401 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

The school district has operated an outdoor education center on this land for several years under a special use permit issued by the Forest Service. Based on information from the Forest Service, CBO expects that, under current law, the agency would use its authority under the Education Land Grant Act to convey the land to the school district in exchange for a payment of less than \$500,000. According to the agency, the conveyance would probably occur sooner under H.R. 3401 than under current law, but the terms of the conveyance specified by the legislation would be similar to those that otherwise would apply. The land currently generates no significant offsetting receipts and is not expected to do so over the next 10 years. Hence, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3401 would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

H.R. 3401 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Enacting this legislation would benefit the Clovis Unified School District by allowing them to obtain title to this property at a nominal cost.

On July 11, 2002, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 3401 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on June 26, 2002. The two versions of the legislation are identical, and our cost estimates are the same.

The CBO staff contacts for this estimate are Megan Carroll (for federal costs), and Marjorie Miller (for the state and local impact). This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.